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Filed: October 12, 2004	: Examiner: B. E.
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REPOSITIONING AND EXTRACTING AN	
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FROM AN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACE	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2009, finally rejecting claims **1-5, and 7-15**, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: